

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SELECTION COMMITTEE

REPORT No. 14

Committee and delegation business

and

private Members' business

21 June 2023

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE

Chair	Hon M Dick MP Speaker
Members	Ms J Ryan MP (Chief Government Whip)
	Mr B van Manen MP (Chief Opposition Whip)
	Mr S Bates MP
	Ms A Byrnes MP
	Hon M Coulton MP
	Dr M Freeland MP
	Dr C Garland MP
	Hon M Price MP
	Mr R Ramsey MP
	Ms T Roberts MP
	Ms R Sharkie MP
	Mr D Smith MP
	Ms A Stanley MP

Ms S Claydon MP, Deputy Speaker

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Report relating to the consideration of committee and delegation business and of private Members' business

1. The Committee met in private session on Tuesday, 20 June 2023.
2. The Committee deliberated on items of committee and delegation business that had been notified, private Members' business items listed on the Notice Paper and notices lodged on Tuesday, 20 June 2023, and determined the order of precedence and times on Monday, 31 July 2023, as follows:

Items for House of Representatives Chamber (10.10 am to 12 noon)

COMMITTEE AND DELEGATION BUSINESS

Presentation and statements

1 Parliamentary Joint Committee on Intelligence and Security

Review of Administration and Expenditure No. 20 (2020-2021) – Australian Intelligence Agencies

The Committee determined that statements on the report may be made — all statements to conclude by 10.20 am.

Speech time limits —

Mr Khalil — 10 minutes.

[Minimum number of proposed Members speaking
= 1 x 10 mins]

PRIVATE MEMBERS' BUSINESS

Notices

- 1 **MS SHARKIE:** To present a Bill for an Act to amend the *Commonwealth Electoral Act 1918*, and for related purposes. (*Commonwealth Electoral Amendment (Real Time Disclosure of Political Donations) Bill 2023*)

(Notice given 28 March 2023.)

Presenter may speak to the second reading for a period not exceeding 10 minutes — pursuant to standing order 41. Debate must be adjourned pursuant to standing order 142.

- 2 MS SHARKIE:** To present a Bill for an Act to amend the *Commonwealth Electoral Act 1918*, and for related purposes. (*Commonwealth Electoral Amendment (Lowering the Donation Disclosure Threshold) Bill 2023*)
(Notice given 28 March 2023.)

Presenter may speak to the second reading for a period not exceeding 10 minutes — pursuant to standing order 41. Debate must be adjourned pursuant to standing order 142.

- 3 MR KATTER:** To move—That this House calls on the Government to prescribe that Australian superannuation monies be invested in Australian industries and projects by ensuring:

- (1) superannuation funds holding the money of Australian citizens be encouraged to investigate mechanisms that will enable them to invest that money in:
 - (a) entities that have majority Australian ownership; and
 - (b) projects or industries that are based, or predominately operate, in Australia;
- (2) the Government partner with such superannuation funds, under public-private partnerships (PPPs), to invest in Australian industries for money-making projects;
- (3) that such PPPs are listed as critical economic generators and have streamlined assessment and approval processes; and
- (4) that the Government consider all other necessary measures to maximise the income stream from such investments and offer maximum returns for Australian citizens.

(Notice given 20 June 2023.)

Time allotted — 20 minutes.

Speech time limits —

Mr Katter — 5 minutes.

Other Members — 5 minutes each.

[Minimum number of proposed Members speaking
= 4 x 5 mins]

The Committee determined that consideration of this matter should continue on a future day.

- 4 MS J RYAN:** To move—That this House:

- (1) notes that since the last sitting of the House, the following have come into effect:
 - (a) cheaper child care;
 - (b) strengthened paid parental leave;
 - (c) reform to the Safeguard Mechanism;
 - (d) registered nurses in aged care, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week;
 - (e) the National Anti-Corruption Commission;
 - (f) a pay rise for aged care workers;
 - (g) the Small Business Energy Incentive;
 - (h) additional support for more social and affordable rental housing;

- (i) expanding eligibility for the Home Guarantee Scheme;
 - (j) the net zero economy agency;
 - (k) a pathway to citizenship for New Zealand citizens; and
- (2) further notes that the Government has delivered on these commitments in the face of relentless negativity and opposition from the Liberal-National Coalition; and
- (3) acknowledges that while the Government hasn't wasted a day since coming to Government by laying strong foundations.

(Notice given 20 June 2023.)

Time allotted — 30 minutes.

Speech time limits —

Ms J Ryan — 5 minutes.

Other Members — 5 minutes each.

[Minimum number of proposed Members speaking
= 6 x 5 mins]

*The Committee determined that consideration
of this matter should continue on a future day.*

5 MR VAN MANEN: To move—That this House:

- (1) notes that:
- (a) under the current Government labour productivity growth has slumped to a historic low of -4.6 per cent; and
 - (b) the collapse in labour productivity represents a loss of almost half of the growth achieved during the Coalition's time in office;
- (2) acknowledges that the Government's:
- (a) excuses and blame shifting on productivity are no substitute for a lack of a growth plan for the economy; and
 - (b) indifference to the productivity challenge should alarm all Australians because it shows indifference to the challenges Australians are facing; and
- (3) calls on the Government to take real action to address cost of living pressures and labour productivity growth.

(Notice given 20 June 2023.)

Time allotted — remaining private Members' business time prior to 12 noon.

Speech time limits —

Mr van Manen — 5 minutes.

Other Members — 5 minutes each.

[Minimum number of proposed Members speaking
= 6 x 5 mins]

*The Committee determined that consideration
of this matter should continue on a future day.*

Items for Federation Chamber (11 am to 1.30 pm)

PRIVATE MEMBERS' BUSINESS

Notices

1 MR SUKKAR: To move—That this House:

- (1) notes:
 - (a) the importance of income management in keeping vulnerable communities safe, particularly women and children, and in protecting the integrity of our social security system;
 - (b) the Coalition's commitment to listening to affected communities;
 - (c) the Coalition's plan to reinstate the successful cashless debit card;
 - (d) that since the abolition of the cashless debit card, there have been reports of widespread abuse of alcohol, drugs and other anti-social behaviour; and
 - (e) the Government's decision to spend over \$217 million in taxpayers money to launch the so-called SmartCard; and
- (2) calls on the Government to join with the Coalition in committing to re-establish the cashless debit card.

(Notice given 23 May 2023.)

Time allotted — 40 minutes.

Speech time limits —

Mr Sukkar — 5 minutes.

Other Members — 5 minutes each.

[Minimum number of proposed Members speaking
= 8 x 5 mins]

*The Committee determined that consideration
of this matter should continue on a future day.*

2 DR ANANDA-RAJAH: To move—That this House:

- (1) notes the Government's announcement of a new \$2 billion Social Housing Accelerator to deliver thousands of new social rental homes across Australia;
- (2) acknowledges the Government's commitment to an ambitious housing agenda which will boost the supply of all housing, with more social housing, more affordable housing, more homes to rent and more homes to buy, and includes:
 - (a) establishing the Regional First Home Buyer Guarantee three months early, helping regional Australians purchase a home with as little as a 5 per cent deposit and avoiding paying Lenders' Mortgage Insurance;
 - (b) widening the remit of the National Housing Infrastructure Facility, making up to \$575 million available to invest immediately in social and affordable rental homes, with projects already under construction as a result of this funding;

- (c) working with the states and territories through the National Housing Accord and National Cabinet to support planning and zoning reforms to contribute to the aspiration of building one million new homes over 5 years from 2024, as well as investing \$350 million in additional federal funding to deliver 10,000 affordable rental homes over five years from 2024 as part of the accord – matched by the states and territories;
 - (d) further establishing the interim National Housing Supply and Affordability Council to provide expert advice to Government on housing supply and affordability;
 - (e) delivering the largest increase to Commonwealth Rent Assistance in more than 30 years, with a 15 per cent increase in the maximum rates;
 - (f) increasing the National Housing Finance and Investment Corporation’s liability cap by \$2 billion to provide lower cost and longer-term finance to community housing providers through the Affordable Housing Bond Aggregator;
 - (g) providing tax incentives to encourage more build-to-rent developments to boost new supply in the private rental market;
 - (h) further providing an additional \$67.5 million of funding to the states and territories to help tackle homelessness challenges as part of a one-year extension to the National Housing and Homelessness Agreement which provides \$1.7 billion a year to the states and territories for housing and homelessness services; and
 - (i) expanding eligibility for the Home Guarantee Scheme, which helps people purchase a home sooner by reducing the deposit they need to save; and
- (3) condemns the Opposition and the Australian Greens for blocking the Housing Australia Future Fund, and notes that every day of delay is \$1.3 million not being spent on social and affordable housing for Australians who need it today.

(Notice given 20 June 2023.)

Time allotted — 30 minutes.

Speech time limits —

Dr Ananda-Rajah — 5 minutes.

Other Members — 5 minutes each.

[Minimum number of proposed Members speaking
= 6 x 5 mins]

*The Committee determined that consideration
of this matter should continue on a future day.*

3 MRS ANDREWS: To move—That this House:

- (1) recognises the insidious nature of foreign interference and the threat it poses to our democracy, businesses and to individuals;
- (2) notes:
 - (a) ongoing reports of attempts by Cambodia’s Hun Sen regime to infiltrate and monitor activity within the Australian community, particularly in the diaspora communities; and
 - (b) reports of potential money laundering in Australia by key figures of the regime; and

- (3) expresses concern about these activities and calls on the Government to ensure that appropriate and thorough investigations occur into these concerning reports.
(Notice given 23 May 2023.)

Time allotted — 40 minutes.

Speech time limits —

Mrs Andrews — 5 minutes.

Other Members — 5 minutes each.

[Minimum number of proposed Members speaking
= 8 x 5 mins]

*The Committee determined that consideration
of this matter should continue on a future day.*

4 MS CLAYDON: To move—That this House:

- (1) notes that Australian Bureau of Statistics figures released in June 2023 show that since, May 2022:
 - (a) women’s total employment is up by 249,000;
 - (b) 233,500 more women have joined the labour force;
 - (c) women’s part-time work has increased by 20,500
 - (d) women’s full-time jobs have boomed, increasing by 228,600; and
 - (e) women have accounted for 59.3 per cent of the growth in full-time jobs;
- (2) further notes that this comes off the back of recent Treasury analysis showing that the first 12 months of the Government have had the strongest jobs growth of any new Australian government in history; and
- (3) recognises the Government is laying strong foundations for a better future for women in the workforce by delivering on its key election commitments of:
 - (a) cheaper child care;
 - (b) expanding paid parental leave;
 - (c) action to boost wages of the low paid through submissions to the Fair Work Commission’s annual wage review and aged care work value case;
 - (d) delivering the recommendations of the Respect@Work report; and
 - (e) delivering our Secure Jobs, Better Pay legislation which:
 - (i) has opened up bargaining to workers in low-paid industries which are most likely to be female dominated through the supported bargaining stream;
 - (ii) made gender equality an object of the Fair Work Act;
 - (iii) set up new expert panels in the Fair Work Commission focused on pay equity and the care and community sector, and introduced a statutory equal remuneration principle to address low wages and gender-based undervaluation of work;
 - (iv) made the right to request flexible working arrangements an enforceable right; and
 - (v) prohibited pay secrecy clauses.

(Notice given 20 June 2023.)

Time allotted — remaining private Members' business time prior to 1.30 pm.

Speech time limits —

Ms Claydon — 5 minutes.

Other Members — 5 minutes each.

[Minimum number of proposed Members speaking = 8 x 5 mins]

The Committee determined that consideration of this matter should continue on a future day.

Items for Federation Chamber (4.45 pm to 7.30 pm)

PRIVATE MEMBERS' BUSINESS

Notices – continued

5 MR L O'BRIEN: To move—That this House:

(1) notes that:

- (a) the Government has scrapped the monitoring of domestic airlines by the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission at a time when Australian consumers are paying more for airfares but are subject to increased flight cancellations and delays;
- (b) domestic airfares were 32 per cent higher in May 2023 than they were prepandemic in May 2019; and
- (c) 1,700 flights were cancelled, and 12,000 flights arrived more than 15 minutes late in April 2023.

(Notice given 20 June 2023.)

Time allotted — 40 minutes.

Speech time limits —

Mr L O'Brien — 5 minutes.

Other Members — 5 minutes each.

[Minimum number of proposed Members speaking = 8 x 5 mins]

The Committee determined that consideration of this matter should continue on a future day.

6 MS MILLER-FROST: To move—That this House:

- (1) notes the Government's commitment to Medicare through the largest increase to Medicare rebates in thirty years and a tripling of the bulk billing incentive;
- (2) acknowledges the Government's commitment to making it easier to see a doctor and making medicines cheaper and strengthening Medicare after nine years of cuts, neglect and rorts; and
- (3) calls on the Opposition to support the Government's policy to halve the cost of medicine for over six million Australians.

(Notice given 20 June 2023.)

Time allotted — 40 minutes.

Speech time limits —

Ms Miller-Frost — 5 minutes.

Other Members — 5 minutes each.

[Minimum number of proposed Members speaking
= 8 x 5 mins]

*The Committee determined that consideration
of this matter should continue on a future day.*

7 MR WILKIE: To move—That this House:

(1) notes that:

- (a) the Royal Commission into Aged Care Quality and Safety provided a clear blueprint on how to fundamentally change and improve our aged care services, but the majority of the 148 recommendations have still not been implemented; and
- (b) the Aged Care Quality and Safety Commission is the point of contact for concerns and complaints about aged service provider responsibilities but it appears to be understaffed, have limited powers of investigation and be restricted in the way sanctions can be imposed on providers; and

(2) calls on the Government to:

- (a) establish an independent body to oversee the implementation of the essential aged care service reforms in line with the recommendations of the Royal Commission into Aged Care Quality and Safety; and
- (b) expand the powers and resourcing of the Aged Care Quality and Safety Commission to enable it to effectively manage complaints and impose meaningful sanctions.

(Notice given 20 June 2023.)

Time allotted — 15 minutes.

Speech time limits —

Mr Wilkie — 5 minutes.

Other Members — 5 minutes each.

[Minimum number of proposed Members speaking
= 3 x 5 mins]

*The Committee determined that consideration
of this matter should continue on a future day.*

8 MS FERNANDO: To move—That this House:

(1) recognises that:

- (a) up to one in six recent migrants to Australia is paid less than the minimum wage;
- (b) exploitation does not just affect individual workers but effectively drives down wages and worsens conditions for all Australian workers; and
- (c) about 20 per cent of anonymous reports and disputes resolved by the Fair Work Ombudsman, and up to 80 per cent of litigations initiated by the Ombudsman in recent years involved migrants;

- (2) acknowledges the Government is delivering on its commitment to improving employer compliance in the workplace by:
 - (a) introducing new criminal offences, additional enforcement tools, increased pecuniary penalties and a prohibition measure; and
 - (b) enhancing safeguards and protections for workers through co-designing a range of initiatives; and
- (3) commends the Government for introducing stronger protections for temporary migrant workers to ensure a better future for all workers.

(Notice given 19 June 2023.)

Time allotted — 30 minutes.

Speech time limits —

Ms Fernando — 5 minutes.

Other Members — 5 minutes each.

[Minimum number of proposed Members speaking
= 6 x 5 mins]

*The Committee determined that consideration
of this matter should continue on a future day.*

9 MR MCCORMACK: To move—That this House:

- (1) notes that:
 - (a) the Pacific Australia Labour Mobility (PALM) scheme, which was established by the Coalition, has been embraced by industry and Pacific Island communities alike as a program that has efficiently reduced labour shortages, increased financial opportunities for workers and strengthened ties between Pacific countries and Australia;
 - (b) the Government’s union-backed reforms to the PALM scheme are a huge threat to farmers, consumers, Pacific workers and our foreign relations;
- (2) acknowledges that:
 - (a) farmers are now threatening to boycott the program which will force those from nine Pacific Island countries and Timor-Leste to be paid a minimum of 30 hours a week, every week under Labor’s plans; and
 - (b) the changes to the scheme were made without adequate consultation with stakeholders and the adverse reaction shows the Government needs to go back to the drawing board; and
- (3) recognises that Labor’s changes are being rammed through without warranted consideration and attention and have the potential to cause major disruptions to the scheme which would see an increase of labour shortages, a breakdown in Pacific relations and increased costs being passed onto the consumer at the grocery store.

(Notice given 20 June 2023.)

*Time allotted — remaining private Members’
business time prior to 7.30 pm.*

Speech time limits —

Mr McCormack — 5 minutes.

Other Members — 5 minutes each.

[Minimum number of proposed Members speaking
= 8 x 5 mins]

*The Committee determined that consideration
of this matter should continue on a future day.*

THE HON D. M. DICK MP
Speaker of the House of Representatives

21 June 2023